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1. Following the occupation of Canton, most of CHEN Keng's forces moved through the city and on up the West River, leaving behind a security detachment of about 5,000 men. Crimes of violence even during daylight hours are common. This crime wave sharply increased when the police were disarmed, which was done against the advice of local non-Communist leaders.
2. A prominent Canton educator and his wife were held up and robbed in daylight on a busy Canton street by four men. The robbery took place within sight of an armed Communist sentry. When the robbers left, the professor complained to the sentry. The soldier, a northerner, replied plaintively, "They rob us, too." The soldier went on to explain that individual sentries and army patrols were often set upon by armed bands during the hours of darkness and stripped of their weapons, insignia, uniforms and equipment.
3. On two occasions, members of the Canton Military Control Commission have been fired on while travelling through the city by motor. None of the would-be assassins have been apprehended.
4. Apparently unarmed groups of thugs were seen stopping travelers at the approaches to the central Canton railroad station. Those who complained to sentries standing nearby were generally ignored. In one instance, however, sentries seized a thug, lectured him on his "bad citizenship" and turned him loose.

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